EXCISE BOARD IS DEFUNCT.

NEW COMMISSIONER SNOWED UN-DER WITH TAX MONEY.

Fourteen Republican Excise Inspectors Left Out in the Cold More Tammany Men Than Republicans Rotained-Po-lice to He Lenient with the Belated, The old Board of Excise crased to exist at midnight last night and Commissioners Murray, Woodman, and Harburger became private citizens. Their last day in office was anything but easy. A lot of neighbors of Martin In Strauss, who owns a hotel at Lexington avenue and Sixtieth street, had determined to secure the revocation of Strause's license so as to prevent him from securing a tax certificate under the Raines law. The trial room of the Board was filled with Strauss's angry neighbors and their lawyers when the point was raised that sufficient notice of trial had not been served on Strauss. The Commissioners had to hold the point well taken and dismiss the complaint. Then the property owners and neighbors stormed and protested. Prof. Felix Adler, Lawyer Max Moses, Lawyer William A. Jenner, and Herbert Cillis all united in declaring the action of the Board to be outrageous. They declared that they had been tricked and defrauded of their rights and that Strauss does not conduct a hotel. They were told if that was the fact that

Special Deputy Excise Commissioner, Mr. Hilliard. One of the latest acts of the old Excise Commissioners was to bring about two hundred civil actions against saloon keepers and their bondsmen for violation of the law. These actions were brought in cases where convictions have been had in the criminal courts, or where licenses have been revoked by action of the Board. Most of these cases might have been brought long ago, but not with the same result. Had they been brought some months ago the attorney for the Excise Board would have to try the cases and would get nothing in addition to his salary for his services. Now he can handle the cases with Alfred R. Page, counsel for Special Deputy Hilliard, and they will be compensated as other lawyers are paid in civil cases. It is a good stroke of business for some lawyers, but a very disagreeable surprise for some saloon keepers who never heard of such a thing as sumg on a bond for penalties.

Some time ago President Lauterbach of the Republican County Committee announced condently that all Republicans employed under the old Excise Commissioners would be retained under Mr. Hilliard. The old Commissioners are officially dead, and cannot transfer any more men to Col. Lyman's department, and there are fourteen Republican excise inspectors who have not been taken care of. There have been seventeen transfers made at the request of Col. Lyman. Of the men transferred nine were Tammany Hall men and eight Republicans.

Two transfers were made yesterday at the request of Col. Lyman. Both the men transferred are Democrats. Both were inspectors. James Delance was appointed on the recommendation of Speaker Fish and Joseph A. Flanly on the recommendation of Chairman Hackett of the State Committee. sel for Special Deputy Hilliard, and they will

they could bring the case to the attention of the

of Speaker Fish and Joseph A. Flaniy on the recommendation of Chairman Hackett of the State Cemmittee.

There were just 139 applications for licenses which had not been granted in the pigeon-holes of the department when the old Board stopped doing business yesterday. The ex-Commissioners will be at the Criminal Courts building this morning to meet Alfred R. Page, counsel for Mr. Hilliard's bureau, and turn over to him all the books, papers, and other records of the department, as is required by law. They will also make up a report to Mayor Strong of their last acts. Commissioner Collis was notified by them yesterday to take possession of the offices and furniture of the department to-day.

The genuineness of some of the saloon hotels is likely to be tested in the courts through the refusal of Special Deputy Hilliard to issue tax certificates to some of them which are within the 700 feet limit of churches and schools. Mr. Hilliard would be guilty of a misdemeanor if he issued a certificate to deal in iliquors within auch limit unless the place where the liquors were to be sold were actually a hotel. If there is any doubt he can refuse a certificate. The applicant will then have to prove in court that he conducts a legal hotel before he can get a sertificate.

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It was said yesterday that the police will deal leniently with those liquor dealers who are unable to get their liquor tax certificates to post them, as the law requires, to-day.

The rush yesterday to pay in excise tax money to the State's agent in the Metropolitan Life building was a hig one, the object being to get Mr. Hilliard's temporary receipt, so that the business of the applicants would not be interfered with. The cashler and his assistant were nearly snowed under with currency and certified checks.

ARGUMENT ON THE RAINES LAW The Question of Its Constitutionality Raised

ALBANY, April 30 .- In the Court of Appeals this morning the Einsfeld case involving the was argued. The appeal was from the order and judgment entered upon the decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, first de-partment, affirming a decision of Justice Pryor at Special Term, directing a judgment dismiss ing a writ of certiorari directed to respondents, the Commissioners of Excise of New York.

Fred G. Einsfeld applied to the Commissioners a license to carry on the business of retailing ines and liquors at 60 Beekman street in New York for the term of one year from March 23, license on the ground of want of power to issue in effect, for a term expiring later than April 30,

In his argument the Attorney-General said: "The general purpose of the new Liquor law to to control, and probably to some extent restrict, the sale of alcoholic beverages. It is undoubtedly true that the law is not perfect in all of its parts, and possibly many of its details will require change and subsequent amend-We have not considered it necessary to refer to anything except what we understand

refer to anything except what we understand
to be the general objections raised to the statute.
This court has been called upon to declare the
whole law unconstitutional, null, and void, and
not to pass upon the individual features of the
location of comment and criticism.
'ery presumption is in favor of the validity
islative acts, and they are to be upheld,
there is a substantial departure from the
claw, and where a part of a statute is unitutional, and that fact does not necessarily
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re the courts to declare void other portions has argument for the appellants. Louis hall confined himself to the points made a lower court, but presented them with er elaboration. They were: That the law constitutional in that it appropriates pubmoneys for local purposes, and was not ed with the assent of two-thirds of the islature; that it creates a classification of less at variance with the provisions of article if, section 2 of the State Constitution; that it as not been submitted to the Mayors of cities which are affected by its provisions, as is required by the Constitution, and that it violates both State and Federal Constitutions by taking the property of citizens without due process of law, establishing taxes which are not uniform throughout the State nor even in the city of New York, although the individuals taxed are engaged in the same class of traffic.

THE RAINES LAW IN BROOKLYN. The New Machinery Will Be in Full Oper-

The old Excise Board in Brooklyn went out of existence yesterday, and to-day the State Raines direction of Col. Harry W. Michell, the deputy who was ex-officio head of the Excise Board as President of the Police Bepartment, will now be able to devote himself to the interests of the latter exclusively. His associates, Messra, Hacker and Gascoigne, retire to private life.

Mr. Gascoigne's official caver had been a short one, extending just over three months.

Col. Micheli and his staffwere working like beavers all day yesterday. Next week the Colonel expects to have matters in good working shape. For two days there has been a steady rush of saloon keepen to the office, and considerably over \$200,000 has been paid in for new certificates. State Commissioner Lyman designated the First National Hank in Williamsburgh as the depository of the excise funds, but the bank will have to assume the responsibility for their safe traisfer.

Now that the kiames law is in full force, the "saloon hotels" are likely to receive special attention from the authorities "If" said Col. Michell, "these men who are unning sandwich hotels think that they will lave a soft shap they will find themselves mistiken." So far no Brooklyn club has taken out alleense, and Col. Michell says they will have to take their chances on the law for the present. Hacker and Gascolgne, retire to private life,

sav. and 46th to 47th at., New York city, is unsurbed in location and perfect in its appointments. It introduced by the eithe of America and Europe, rates are 84 per day and upward American plan, (\$1.00 per day and upward, European plan, Perfect as have free concluse and transfer of laggage to 1 from Grand Central Depot. Varren F. Leland, roprietor.—Adv. SENATOR ADDEN'S WILD TALK.

He Tells of Remors that Foster Planne to Frost Millions by a Bond Issue. WASHINGTON, April 30.-The Naval Appro printion bill had the undivided attention of the Senate to-day, but when the session closed no progress had been made upon the bill beyond the exclusion, on a point of order, of Mr. Quay's amendment to increase the number of battle ships from four to six. Mr. Gorman's amendment to reduce the number to two was the proposition before the Senate when it met and when it adjourned. Speeches were made by

the Democratic and Republican parties, of the one within three months and of the other by March 4, 1901, and by Mr. Gorman Dem., Md.) in enforcement of his views as to the necessity of more economy in appropriations.

Mr. Allen caused something of a stir. He said that when he first came to the Senate he supposed that the debates were serious; but he had learned since then that they were simply a play between the two great parties, as they called themselves; a sparring for points, a maneuving for political situation. The McKiniey act had not produced sufficient revenue, and he declared his belief that, if the Harrison administration had remained in power, it would have issued! Instel States bonds before April 1, 1803. He remarked that rumor had it that Secretary Foster would have profited largely by their is

Mr. Platt (Rep., Conn.) asked Mr. Allen to give his authority for that statement. Mr. Allen said that he made no such state-ment. He merely mentioned it as a rumor. He had read at the time in the cress despatches that Mr. Foster was to make \$2,500,000 out of the transaction.

that transaction.

"The Senator ought to be able," Mr. Allison (Rep., In.; suggested mildly, "at least to produce the newspaper in which he read it. I never heard of it before."

Mr. Allen repeated that he had read of such a thing in the press despatches, but made no closer specifications.

IN THE HOUSE, The House to-day disposed of the three contested election cases from Mississippi, adopting the resolutions reported from the Elections Committee confirming the title of the sitting members, Messrs, Allen, Williams, and Spencer, Democrats, to their seats. The contestants in these cases based their claims for the seats upon an alleged violation of the Federal law regulating the representation of Mississippi in Congress by the Constitution of that State. The committee declined to make a declaration on that question.

Gen. William Grose of Indiana from \$20 to \$75 a month.

Five hours were then devoted to a further discussion of the Hankruptey bill, the general debate closing with to-day's session. The discussion developed the fact that the House was practically unanimous in favor of a bill providing for voluntary bankruptey; the difference in opinion was as to the incorporation of the involuntary feature.

OLNEY AND MRS. MAYBRICK'S CASE. The Diplomatic Correspondence Transmitted to the House.

WASHINGTON, April 30.- In response to a resoution of the House, passed on April 9, Prestdent Cleveland this afternoon transmitted to the House a copy of the correspondence on file in the State Department relating to the case of Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who is in an English prison under life sentence for the murder of her husband, a Liverpool merchant. There are sixty-two letters and telegrams in the budget. beginning with one from Minister Lincoln to Secretary Blaine, dated Aug. 22, 1880. The correspondence until Dec. 10, 1802, was active, but rom then until Oct. 7, 1895, it dragged. On that date the Countess Roque, Mrs. Maybrick's mother, wrote from Rouen to Secretary Olney, reciting the efforts already made in behalf of her daughter, and suggesting a new presentation of the case to the British Government, Sec-

tion of the case to the British Government. Secretary Olney then addressed a note to Ambassador Bayard, in which he said; communicating to you copies or letters recently received from Mr. H. A. Dodge of Hamilton, Mass. (writing on behalf of his sister, Miss Mary A. Dodge, and of the Countess Roque, in regard to the renewal of representations in favor of the unfortunate prisoner. * * I do not feel that I can do any more at present than to bring to your notice the letters of Mr. Dodge and the Countess Roque, in the hope that it may be found practicable to do something toward the relief of the unfortunate woman, whose case has aroused wide sympathy not only in the country of her birth, but in England as well."

Subsequently Secretary Olney addressed notes

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Subsequently Secretary Olney addressed notes to Ambassador Hayard, under dates of Nov. 9, 1895, ebb. 0, 1895, and Feb. 20, 1895, to the effect that he had good reason for believing that Sir Matthew White Ridley had been prevailed upon to reconsider the Maybrick case and directing Mr. Hayard to make every effort to secure an early reexamination of the case; that counsel for Mrs. Maybrick had stated that formal representations in her behalf would be made immediately, and again instructing the Ambassador to make appropriate representations; also that an autograph letter had been shown him, stating that a new, formal, and pressing representation by the Ambassador would be useful. None of Mr. Hayard's responses to these notes is given in the budget, which ends abruptly with the last note mentioned.

ARMY AND NAVE ORDERS.

Leaves of Absence, Court Martial and Transfers in the Services, WASHINGTON, April 30.-These army and navy orders have been issued :

Leave for twenty-one days is granted First Lieut. Seorge J. Newgarden, assistant surgeon Leave for four months is granted First Lieut. Willam M. Wright, Adjutant Second Infantry, Leave for two months, with permission to apply for an ex-tension of one month, is granted Second Lieut. Robert H. Johnston, Corps or Lagrange of disability, is four months, on surgeon's certificate of disability, is granted First Lieut. George J. Godfrey, Twenty-see

Capt. Guy L. Edie. assistant surgeon, upon the expi-ration of his present leave of absence, will report to the commanding officer of San Francisco for duty at that post.

The following transfers in the Twenty-second In-fantry are made: Capt. Theodory Mosher, from Com-pany F to Company I; Capt. Robert N. Getty, from Company I to Company F.

The following transfers in the Fourth Infantry are made: Capt. John W. Bubb. from Company K to Com-pany II; Capt. George O. Webster, from Company II to Company K.

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Capt. George O. Webster, from Company H to
Company K.
The following officers will report to Col. Charles C.
Byrne. Assistant Survion General. President of the
Army Retrirus Hoard at Fort Columbia. New York,
for examination: Capt. Jutian M. Cated, assistant
surgeon. First Lieut. dard P. Shenek, Ninth infanfry.
First Lieut. Faul P. Straub, assistant surgeon, now
at the Presidio of San Francisco, will continue on
temporary duty at that post until further orders.
Leave for one month, with permission to apply for
an extension of ten days, is granted Capt. Benjamin K.
Roberts. Fifth Artillery.
First Lieut. James F. Nolan, Fourth Cavalry, is detailed has member of the general court martial instituted by special of the general court instituted by force

Cocker's general court instituted to the general court of the Newark and

Churnett detached from the Newark and ordered

before a retiring Board. Passed Assistant Paymaster E.

M. T. Bail, detached from the Michigan. Paymaster E.

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CAPT. HOFF BLAMED.

His Way of Navigating the Old Lancaster

Reported On by a Navai Court. WASHINGTON, April 30 .- The findings of the naval court inquiry in the case of Capt. William Bainbridge Hoff were made public today. Capt. Hoff has been detached from the command of the Newark at Norfolk and admonished for his delay in reaching Montevideo under urgent orders. The approved findings charge him with errors of judgment in navigation in taking a too southerly route after leaving Newport, with the knowledge of the fact that the Lancaster was not a weatherly

Grip Was the Most Prevalent Disease Last Year and Pasumonia the Next. WASHINGTON, April 30. In answer to the general question whether or not the last year has been a healthful one for human beings, the estimate from about 72 per cent, of the counties estimate from about 72 per cent, of the counties of the United States reporting to the Department of Agriculture is that the people's health was about the average, while 28 per cent, put it below the average. Six hundred and fifty four counties throughout the rountry make mention of special diseases, the leading complaints being grip in 305 counties, or 47 per cent, of the whole; pneumonia in 228, or 55 per cent, typhoid fover in 212, or 32 per cent, measles in 138, or 21 per cent; malarial fever in 90, or 14 per cent, diphtheria in 78, or 12 per cent; lung troubles in 40, or 9 per cent, and scarlet fever in 68, or 9 per cent.

NOTES ON CURRENT PLAYS.

SEVERAL ABSURDITIES IN BOUCL. CAULI'S "AFTER DARK.

Simple-minded Hero and a Credulous Heroine Merits and Beleets in "Thor-oughbred" - Mr. Hoyt's Singeeratt Is Well Illustrated in "A Black Sheep," The fatuous simplemindedness of heroes in melodrama is a frequent source of amusement to the public. These usually uninteresting perons might be described as chumps, and the Mr. White (Dem., Cal.) in favor of coast de-fences rather than an increase of the navy: by villain must be a very dull villain indeed who could not get the better of the hero at any stage Mr. Allen (Pop., Neb.) predicting the collapse of the Democratic and Republican parties, of the of the game, until the dramatist comes to the rescue and floors the villain for the sake of ending the play. In "After Dark," as produced at the Academy of Music, there is an assorted variety of villains opposed to three heroes and two heroines. Two heroes set out to rescue the third from the results of his incomprehensible stupidity, and by the time the fourth act is reached they have become so imbued with melodramatic valor that they behave like idiots. The one who is an officer and a gentleman consents to meet an exconvict in a low dive and to take with him a large sum of money to pay for a bit of paper which means power and wealth to the chief vil-lain so long as he has undisturbed possession of t. To say that no man in his senses would do this is to put it mildly, and knock-out drops are matter of course. At this hero's heels comes the other, a drunken tramp trying to reform by doing good deeds. He knows perfectly well what a cut-threat lot infests this dive, yet, what a cut-throat lot infests this dive, yet, after a "Hawkshaw the detective" scene of assumed intoxication, he, single-handed, seizes the important slip of paper, which has been restolen from the unconscious hero's breast pocket, and sets out to defy everybody, with the inevitable result that he is knocked on the head and thrown down the ever-ready hole in the floor. The picture of a man weakened by many years of a halfpenny worth of bread and an intoterable deal of lugor trying to fight a score or so of insty young rognes is so absurd that the fudicrous aspect of the situation appeals to even a melodramatic audience. And the author of "After Dark" was Dion Boucleauit.

The capacity for making much out of little is nce more exemplified in the performance of Marie Rene in "After Dark." The distressed heroine, Eliza Medhurst, is thrown into the most nnatural situations, and might easily, in this critical generation, become an entirely ridiculous and uninteresting person. But she does not. The most improbable circumstances are attacked and the most nonsensical speeches are spoken by this actress with an apparent sincerity, a simulated confidence in their reality, which convinces the audience for the moment that the forced embarrassments of the heroine might actually happen. She is married to a man who has a mysterious secret. She defies in the most approved manner of melodrama the villain who tries to persuade her to leave her husband for her husband's good. She looks up the husband in a gambling house, and at a mere hint decides to give him up and commit suicide. This brings her to the Thames, into which she is thrown by the villain, and out of which she is taken by the tramp. When the tramp discovers that she is his long-lost daughter, but does not tell her so, she shows little hestiation in throwing herself into the embrace of the disreputable old outcast. When the promised bride of the heroine's husband for this simple old melodrama is complicated at times dresses Editain her bridal vell to create a situation of reconciliation, Eliza falls in with the accidental results in the most natural way in the world, just as if she had thought it out most carefully. All this demands not a high order of talent, but a perfect sincerity of method allled to an artistic sense of the full capabilities of each absurd situation, and of every ridiculous speech. Miss kene has the special ability and experience needed to make all these matters seem serious, even in a ridiculously crude play. She looks up the husband in a gambling house It is easy to lose sight of the fact that Charles

H. Hoyt has any talent for writing plays. His riotous pieces leave little room for the consideration of story or character drawing, and his more serious efforts have not established him in public opinion as a dramatist. He is regarded as a concocter of outrageous farces, by which he makes money and the part of the public which forms his audiences acquires good digestion. "A Black Sheep" is probably the noisiest thing he ever perpetrated, yet there is in it the element of dramatic power which is one of the causes of his continuous success. Hot Stuff, the hero of this extravagant and impossible story, is loud and insistent and comical, and is not without a shade of vulgarity. His only objects in life seem to be to make a noise, fight fights, constitute himself a general nuisance, and fall heir to a fortune. The audience expects him to be funny whenever he appears, and thinks of him in no other way. Yet the development of his character as the play progresses is one of the eleverest things of the kind that Hoyt has done. It embodies some elemental traits of human nature, which play progresses is one of the cleverest things of the kind that Hoyt has done. It embodies some elemental traits of human nature, which are the real secret of Hoyt's permanent success in exciting the interest of his public as well as amusing it. Geodrich Mudd, by a singular appositeness of nomenclature of which it may be the dramatist himself is unconscious, is mud in his miscellaneous offensiveness at his first appearance, becomes rich by the grace of heaven, and turns out to be a good and wholesome sort of person before the play is over. How this happens it is difficult to describe, because the quadities essential to this transformation in the impressions of the audience are not lugged in by the ears, or thrown at the audience in solid chunks of illogical assertion or incident. The character grows by perfectly natural revelation of latent virtues. The boisterous little fat man goes on making all the disturbance, he can, but he gradually convinces the audience that he is a real man after all. This effect may be greatly due to the cleverness of the actor. Otis Harian is not a finished player, and his methods are crude. His gaucherle never leaves him. Still, he has cerious moments, given him by the playwright, which he utilizes with more real and dramatic result than any one would expect. The outcome is a true dramatic interest in the uitimate fortunes of the "Disck sheep," and the audience becomes genuinely concerned about his welfare and success. In this extraordinary production, Hoyt has succeeded better than usual in involving a real dramatic element in the abourd mediency of melody, burlesque, dancing, and "special-ties" in which he delights. And tha whistle at the end of the second act is one of the funniest episodes of pure farce that he has yet invented. spisodes of pure farce that he has yet invented

that the audiences mistake the intent of the scenes and respond with less merriment than they would show if the players took themselves little more seriously. There is plenty humor in the piece at the Garrick, and much of it is combined with situations that are so much above the average of springtime farces that they ought to be presented in the way that shows them to the best advantage. The play as a whole is admirably acted, and the abused word "atmosphere" describes one of the qualities which is preserved throughout. Mr. Dixey seems to be responsible for the amusement of his associates on the stage, and the other night he kept them laughing so much that the audience concluded, whatever else it thought of the personages in the play, that they were an extremely good-natured lot, maybe a little too much addicted to giggling. When Joseph Humphreys appeared as the welsher Mr. Dizey convulsed the actors in the scene with him by saying. "Allow me to present my Chevaller-seque friend," and, although he spoke it in an undertone, the remark reached part of the audience, who laughed aimost as much as the actors did. It seems to be assured that Mr. Dizey will never be an actor in the sense that he will succeed in impersonating a character, but his own temperament and nature are so filled with spontaneous humor that people laugh at him, even if not at the Mayor of the English village. There is a part in the play so well acted that it is prominent even in the excellence of the whole. Agnes Miller has one serious scene, and that comes toward the close of the accond act, when she rejects an American suitor who has been unlucky enough to allude to his money while he was making her the offer of his hand. She rejects him indignantly because she is poor while he is rich, and she sees in his words some implication of a consclousness in the man's mid of that disparity. So she declines his offer indignantly, and the actress does it with an much anteralness and delicacy, that the oxens never loses for a mement the elements of refinements and high breeding. It is forcible too, with the strength of real feeling, and Miss Miller, rarely called upon to play a role that indicates anything deeper than the lightest feelings of gayety and vivacity, conquers the serious moments in "Thoroughbred" with complete success. It's a pity that the author drew such an American, for he is no truer a type than though he had worn an Uncle Sam beard and a long blue coat with white and red striped trousers. Drinking ook talls after dinner was a vegary in taste which nobody need pa seems to be responsible for the amusement of his associates on the stage, and the

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STREET CAR STRIKE A FIZZLE. Traction Employees in Philadelphia Refuse to Lenve Their Places,

PHILADELPHIA, April 30. The strike of the motormen and conductors of the Union Trac-tion Company which was ordered last night by the Central Board of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees nominally went into effect at a o'clock this morning. The effort to tie up the system failed, and it is not believed that the strike will affect the company. Ordinarily thirteen hundred cars are run on the Union Traction lines in the earlier part of the morning, and tieneral Manager Heetem stated at 10 A. M. that over twelve hundred cars were

at 10 A. M. that over twelve hundred cars were then in service.

James Campbell, Wallace McGee, Joseph Dinsmore, and Nicholas Walther, motormen of the Union Traction Company who were arrested on last saturday night for assaulting non-union employees, and whe were quickly indicted, were arraigned before Judge Yerkes in the Quarter sessions Court to-day. Campbell was tried first, and the Jury convicted him without leaving the box. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the Eastern Peninentlary. Walther pleaded guilty, but he was 10, and for this reason the Court postponed sentence until Monday. McGee and Dinsmore also pleaded guilty. Thomas Pillion, who was also indicted, was not tried.

PRINTERS GAIN SOME POINTS. The Strike at Little & Co.'s Partially Set-

tled The Men Go Back, After several conferences which lasted all day yesterday between a committee of the New York Typothetic and representatives of Typographical nion No. 6 and other unions, the strike in J. J Little & Co.'s printing house, in Astor place' was partially settled. Neither side appeared willing to precipitate a general strike or a lock-out, which would affect more than ninety job-It was agreed that all the strikers should re-

It was agreed that all the strikers should re-turn to work pending an attempt to settle the remaining differences through an arbitration committee to be appointed.

The nine-hour work day will be conceded for the machine work alone. The question of grant-log the nine-hour day for mixed work will have to be decided by the Arbitration Committee. It was also agreed that cuts set up in the office should be paid for. The question of payment for cuts made up outside will also have to be settled by arbitration.

SIONE MASONS TO MAKE DEMANDS. Italian Foundation Builders Want an Ad-

Justment of Wages. The Italian Stone Masons' Union held a mass the demands to be made upon employers and to appoint a committee of five to meet with The men say their nominal wages are \$3, but the real wages are much less, order to head off a strike the employers In order to head off a strike the employers agreed to meet a committee of the union on Sunday next and consider the demands to be made. This was the committee appointed last night. The demands are: Pay by the hour and two grades of work, for which 40 cents and 30 cents per hour respectively is asked. There are 1,000 members in the union. Their work is building foundations.

LOOK OUT FOR ICEBERGS!

The Navy Department Save They Are Un-usually Thick This Year.

Washington, April 30.-The weekly hydrographic bulletin of the Navy Department, is-sued to-day, contains nearly fifty official reports of icebergs menacing transatiantic steamers crossing the Grand Banks, all the area between crossing the Grand Hanks, all the area between initiude 40° and 30° and longitude 40° and 30°, known as the "rolling forties," being thick with pack ice and bergs, with attendant fogs. As the passenger steamers of the great lines continue to run on the southerly routes for several months and the fields are still slightly north of those routes, the danger is not so great now as it will be two weeks hence, when the drift will begin to cross the track of incoming steamers. Warnings have been issued that the quantity of ice this scason is unusually large.

a Third Avenue Mail Car. Arthur Conover, 16 years old, of 53 East 132d street, while stealing a ride on a Third avenue mail car last night, was struck on the head with a stick by a cable employee stationed at Sixth street and the Bowery. The boy hastly jumped off the car to escape another blow, and fell against an elevated railway pillar. He

After his injuries, which consisted of two scalp wounds and several brulses, had been dressed, he bearded a cable car for home. The police could not find the man who struck

THE CANARSIE RAILROAD. Its Early Transfer to a Trolley Line Prob-

Negotiations are said to be in progress for the purchase or leasing of the Brooklyn and Rockaway Beach steam railroad, which runs from East New York to Canarsie, by either the Brook-East New York to Caharric, by either the Brook-lyn Heights Railread Company or the Nassau Electric Railread Company. The Caharrie com-pany, it is said, wants \$500,000 for the property, its acquisition by either the Heights or Nassau Company would result at once in its change to a trolley line.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30 .- At the prayer meeting of the Congregational Church last night the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Charles O. Some of the actors in "Thoroughbred" laugh Brown, who has been adjudged guilty of unmin-Brown, who has been adjudged guilty of unministerial conduct and suspended from the fellowship of the church by his fellow ministers, was presented and accepted. A resolution was passed requesting the lay Conference of Congregational Churches to reconsider its action in the Brown case and reinstate the pastor.

1r. Brown has received a call from Dubuque, In., which he will accept provided he is restored to good standing.

> For the Purchase of Lipcoin's Birthplace. WASHINGTON, April 30,-Mr. Lewis of Kentucky introduced in the liouse to-day a bill appropriating \$100,000 to provide for the purchase of the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, and the erection there of a home for disabled soldiers, to be known as the Lincoln National Home.



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CHEMIST COULSON KILLED.

WAS SECRETLY EXPERIMENTING IN HIS LABORATORY.

Cause of Beath Are Unknown Coulson Was Taking a "Shot at Fortune" A Stranger from Bergen Point Is Wanted, On the verge of an important discovery in hemistry, as he thought, William Herbert Coulson, was killed by an explosion at his house, 7 Oak street, Jersey City, late on Wednesday night. Mr. Coulson was superintendent of the hothouse building of Thomas W. Wethered's Sons, and his leisure hours were spent largely in chemical experiments. For years he had occupied himself in this way without any definite result, as far as is known He was very reticent about his work, not even telling his wife much about it, and his friends believe that all his experiments have been with some definite end in view, but what that end was nobody seems to know. One believes that he was compounding a chemical which should greatly accelerate the growth of plants; another that he was manufacturin a high explosive; another a new method of illumination The nearest approach to information that Coulson himself is known to have made was about a reek ago, when he said to a neighbor: "Within a week I'll have succeeded or falled

my shot at fortune." All Coulson's experiments were made in small laboratory, which he had built for nimself on the ground floor, leading from the dining room. Here he would frequently work the greater part of the night, sometimes quitting his labors so worn out that he would throw himself down to sleep without taking off his clothes. For a week he had not been working so hard, but had been rather preoc cupied, and from his few remarks about his work Mrs. Coulson was led to believe that he was awaiting some slow chemical change. Two or three times lately a man from Bergen Point, whose name could not be found out yesterday from Mrs. Coulson, has been in the aboratory with the experimenter, and it is supposed that he shared the secret, if secret there was. He was there on Wednesday night. Coulson had said to his wife before going to the laboratory:
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There was nothing in his manner to indicate that he foresaw any danger. Late in the evening some friends dropped in and sat with Mrs. Covison in the front room while Covison and the stranger were busy in the about a covison and the stranger were busy in the laboratory. They lett about 11 o'clock, and Mrs. Covison went up stairs. She thinks that her bushand's companion left just afterward, as she heard some one going out. The next thing she remembers is teeling a shock and hearing a noise like the explosion of a giant firecracker. Running down stairs, she found her fushand lying on the laboratory floor in the midst of febris, learfully mangled about the body. Dr. O. R. Binnchard was at once summoned, but did not get there in time to find the man alive. A piece of metal or some implement had been driven deep fato his abdomen by the explosion, and there were other injuries. Death must have been almost instantaneous, the Doctor said. He could not tell what chemicals had caused the explosion. It is evident that it was not a high-power explosive, since the damage to the room was smail. Instairments, crucibles, bottles, and pans had been scattered about, and a cylinder in which the explosive was evidently contained had been standing near the cylinder, and had caught the full force of the shock. A number of chemicals were found in the place afterward, but none that would be likely to cause such an explosion.

Investigation by the County Physician may show how the accident occurred, as it is probable that chemical experts will be asked to make an examination and report. The police would like to lind the man from Bergen Point, because he could probably throw light on the maker. It is not unlikely that he left before the conclusion of the experiment, fearing such a termination as it had.

Coulson leaves a wife and two children, It is said that be had the reputation among chemists of below a very Hulme for the best single horse and vehicle driven by a lady, the trap and appointments to be considered equally with the horse in the Mrs. Beach showed W. J. Elias's bay mare Duchess to a light spider. a fine-looking horse and a graceful, easy goor, to a rumble phaeton with red running gear.

Mrs. John Gerken showed the finest trap in the ring - a wide, low-set, luxurious ladies' phaeton, built on the curving lines of the French model. Her horse was Lynnwood, a neat black gelding of much substance, but hardly the equal of Chester in point of quality and action. The trap won the prize for Mrs. Gerken, Chester being placed second, Duchess third, and May Day fourth.

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COMPANY E KEEPS THE TROPHY. Lively Sport Among Athletes of the

For the second time this season the Twentysecond Regiment A. A. promoted an attractive set of games at the armory, Sixty-seventh street and Western Boulevard, last night. The athletic division had rested content in previous years with one tournament, but some of the more enterprising spirits recently suggested a second reunion, and pointed to the Seventh Regiment meetings as encouraging precedents. The venture was attended with satisfactory

results, admirers of indoor sport being liberal in their patronage, while the competition and subsequent musical festival were sufficiently inspiriting to satisfy the most fastidious.

Many events, ostensibly for novices, were raised almost to the level of championships by the presence of such well known performers as E. W. Goff, F. C. Puffer and E. W. Hjertberg, all ex-champions of America.

Each selected an event in which he had never previously carned brackets, and thus became an eligible novice under the rules. The results

an eligible novice under the rules. The results were not such foregone conclusions as might be supposed. Hjertberg, the old steeplechase champion, had to put up with second honors in the novices hurdle race, white Puffer failed to win the novices sack race; but he had a palpable excuse to offer, as Goff, the all-round champion of America, proved the winner.

Seven commanies were in the running for the magnificent bronze trophy for the highest aggregate points. The athletes of Company E, who captured it last time, turned out in rare form and retained it by a wide margin, scoring 44 points against the 25 put together by their rivais of Company H. The other scoring companies were Company I. 11; Company D. 9; Company K, 5; Company F, 3; Company A, 1, Summaries; an eligible novice under the rules. The results

panies were Company I. 11; Company P. 9; Company K. 5; Company F. 3; Company A. 1. Summaries;
One mile licycle Race. Scratch, for Novices—Won by J. 7; H. Kenney, Company E. (C. P. Barciay, Company E. second. Time, 2 minutes oil 4.5 seconds. Seventy yard base. Randicap Final heat won by T. Any M. 1. 10 feet, 10 feet, 11; P. 1. 11; P. 1

TRAINING THE RACERS.

Handspring Pull of Running Henry of Navarre Shows No Sigas of Illness. At Morris Park yesterday there was a keen

interest taken in the work of the Blemton stable's string. The horses were out in two divisions. The first was made up of Henry of Navarre, Dorian, Keenan, Hastings, Margrave, Merry Prince, and Woodvine. After trotting and cantering, some special moves were shown. Henry of Navarro had a neck aweater on, but showed no symptoms of illuess as he strode a mile at half apeed. Keenan impressed all the track watchers by his stride and style, doing a mile at a two-minute rate. Markrave went seven furiongs at fair speed. Hastings was the last sent out. He seemed to be in spiendid trim, but was slow to begin in his mile gallop, which was covered in about three minutes.

Floretta IV, and the Hiemton two-year-olds were only moved in slow canters. In the other strings the Frie Stable was prominent dailies made his coappearance and showed no signe of immenses in a two-mile gallop with Lazzarone, Nanki Footh, and Applegate. R. Clare, after doing the usual work with the Speciwell Siable's string sent Amas and Challenger a half mile in 0-30, Challenger having lengths the advantage. and captering, some special moves were shown

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usual, was out on time with his first set. Hornpipe, the clover-footed son of Mr. Pickwick and
Round Dance, looks very well. Emma C. and
the good-looking brother to Freeland made a
good showing. Concord and Hempatead, of the
two-year-olds, did excellent work.

Matt Byrnes and Tom Green pushed the Marcus laily and the Kienes' horses along nicely.

Taral was hard at work nearly all day in the
Dally stable. Johnny Lamle and Sheedy now
exercise entirely for the Mesars. Keene.

Blue Knight and Free Laines, in Roche's stable, left yesterday for Aqueduct.

GREAT SCOTT A GREAT HORSE.

He Wins the Sweepstakes Championship at the Spring Horse Show.

A splendid exhibition of ladies' park turnouts

was the star feature of the closing night at the New York spring horse show. The prize, a

piece of old china, was offered by George B

Five competitors tried for the honors and the

park trans.

In this class Mrs. Gerken's black geldings Lynnwood and Ledo were placed second, and J. Ellas's Duke and Duchess, a pair of handsome bays, were third. A. Lanfear Norries Fop and Mon won the prize for high-stepping pairs of the larger type without a contest, there being

For the Columbia Grammar School Games,

The fifteenth annual field meeting of the Columbia

Frammar School Athletic Association will be held at

Columbia Oval, Williamsbridge, this afternoon. There will be five events, open to all preparatory schools

within sixty miles of this city. The complete entry

OURS EVENTS.

One hundred yard Dash—W. G. Elmenderf, Collectiate school: F. C. Simons and D. H. Fanning, Trinity School; H. Meeller, Columbia Grammar, A. C. Patter, School; H. Simons and D. H. Fanning, Trinity School; D. G. Harris, Cutier School; One mile Hicker, Novlee-E. Meyer and P. Hanford, Colegiate: R. A. Curran, Drisler: W. Cornell and H. Heislock, Barnard O. Holley, Stevens Institute; E. Lee, Cutier, G. Hauchle, H. A. Poillon, W. S. Garter, P. R. Grace, Colombia Grammar, A. S. Rurden, Cutier; A. T. McChure, Berketey, E. W. Philate, Columbia Grammar, A. S. Rurden, Cutier; A. T. McChure, Berketey, E. W. Philate, Columbia Grammar,

lerkeley.
Running Broad Jump W. S. Gartner, George Bechel, G. E. Kittle, and H. Moeller Columbia Grammar;
V. E. Moran and D. H. Fanning, Trinity. M. D. Evana,
Saford, H. S. Riker, Wilson and Keilogge D. Hilford,
se la Salle Institute, D. G. Harris and W. Poll, Cutter;
Voung, T. Peil, J. Hutburt, and C. Irwin Martin,
berkeley; A. Beers, De la Salle Institute.

CLOSED EVENTS.

One-hundred yard Dash, Senior, Handtcap-E. S.
Clinch, C. Brown, T. V. Jones, L. Gartner, W. S. Gartner, A. Maurara, George Bechtel, and H. Moelley.
One-hundred yard Dash, Junior, Handtcap-E. Ottenberg, C. Griffen, L. Gartner, C. Grace, and S. Brown. CLOSED EVENTS.

Setting the Yachts Ready at New London.

the sachts that have wintered about here going into

and looking in fine trim. Her owner, A. M. Griswold.

is in Furepe, and has chartered her to Charles E. Payne of Providence. She will go into commission this week. Capt. Charles H. Wilcox succeeds Capt.

Darby as satting master.

Children Cry for

Darby as sailing master.

The schooner yacht Lotus of the N. Y. Y. C. John H. Cole, has been changed from a centrelicard to a keel vessel. She is to resolve a thorough overhauling before and goes into the water again.

The steam yacht Sirvain, N. Y. Y. C. owned by William H. Sainds of New Hamburgh, N. Y. will soon be really to go into commission. Her owner is an Europe, but he has notified her sailing master, tapi, teorge faton, to have the yacht in residiness line I. The steam yacht Saindan of the N. Y. Y. C. owned by C. I. Hurbard, has received a new water tube hotier this week. Hubbard will probably set his colors afford next Monday.

Al Ferguson's, in Groton, Thomas Morgap will tute.

Pitcher's Castoria.

New London, April 80, -All the indications point to

And at 194 Broadway, (Below Fulton Street). OPEN SATURDAY EVENING TILL 9 O'CLOCK.

A Victory and a Defeat for Stein, Sauer,

While Stein heat Sohl three straight games in the first series of THE SUN individual championship tournament at the Germania Assembly Rooms alleys last night, the Empire Club bowler outplayed Sauer, who evened up matters by defeating Stein. The local evened up matters by defeating Stein. The local player won the first game, but lost the next three.

FIRST SELIES FIRST GAME. Stein. 18 10 00 02 82 122 150 168 176 185 Sohi 7 24 41 50 70 10 110 150 150 170 Strikes Stein, 4, Bohl, 3, Spares—Stein, 3, Sohl, 6, SECOND GAME. 20 87 08 65 84 101 120 180 156 164 20 88 57 66 85 103 122 139 147 156

Strikes-Stein, I; Sohl, I. Spares-Stein, 7; Sohl, 6. 7 THIRD GAME. 20 40 58 60 80 104 124 144 161 168 10 37 55 70 82 95 90 115 138 158 RECOND REDUCE-PRINT GAME. 18 38 68 95 115 131 154 174 191 200 17 24 32241 01 87 99 116 136 166 Strikes-Sohl, 4; Sauer, 3. Spares-Sohl, 5; Sauer, 4

china, and the turnouts in which they bowled NECOND GAME. 17 20 53 73 91 111 179 197 158 171 18 27 47 65 83 102 121 141 161 170 around the ring were quite up to national Horse Show form. Miss Weatherbee drove the beautiful black mare May Day to a rumble phacton. Miss Georgia Whitcomb's turnout was a red Strikes-Sohl, T. Sauer, 4. Spares-Sohl, 2; Sauer, 4 and black stanhopeg gig, drawn in fine style by POURTH GAME Boremus drove the chestnut gelding Chester, a fine-looking horse and a graceful, easy goer, Strikes-Sohi, 4: Sauer, 3: Sonres-Sohi, 3: Sauer, 3; Average per game-Sohi, 1879; Sauer, 169; Um-pire-F. Budenbender, Scorer-William Cordes. THIRD SERIES PREST GAME.

Strikes-Sauer, 2; Stein, 4. Spares Sauer, 5, htein, 5. fourth.

Mrs. Gerken scored again in the competition for the championship cup offered by Fiss & Doerr for the best saddle horse in the show, first-prize winners only being eligible to compete, and the cup to become the absolute propperty of the owner of the horse winning it two Strikes - Sauer, I; Stein, 4. Spares - Sauer, 6; Stein, 2, THIRD GAME. . 19 30 54 62 91 111 129 147 165 184 .19 25 47 66 86 113 131 139 145 157 Strikes Sauer, 2; Stein, 3. Spares Sauer, 7; Stein, 3. FOURTH GAME. 20 50 75 94 103 123 143 161 179 199 20 37 57 77 97 116 125 134 142 161

pete, and the cup to become the absolute propperty of the owner of the horse winning it two
years in succession.

Mrs. Gerken's Terrehonne had beaten all
comers in the exhibition of 1895, and it seemed
to be a foregone conclusion that she would win
against night over Chester, Polly, and the rest.
Miss Doremus rode the shapely brown daughter of thoroughbred Terror with much skill.

Later in the evening Terrehonne beat her stable mate Ladas and E. C. Cowdin's chestnut
mare Corona in the sweepstakes champion class,
and she also won first prize over half a dozen
good ones in the class for ladies' saddle horses.
Great Scott won the highest honors of
the show for harness horses of his class,
capturing the sweepstakes championship
ribbon last night in competition with
Golden Rod and Blazeaway. Hulme has three
fine park horses, and it is the toss of a copperas to which is the best. Great Scott possesses
more size than either of the others, and this
counts strongly in his favor in an open class in
the show ring.

The reserve ribbon was awarded to Blaze-Strikes Sauer, 4: Stein, 4: Spares Sauer, 5; Stein, 3: Average per game Sauer, 1735; Stein, 1650 Umpire-John C. Soll: Scorer - William Cordes. The unexpected defeat of the National Park Bank feam in the closing series of the Bank Clerks' League, which were robet on We threstay night at Thumann's alies, places the latter bowlers on a equal basis with the Mt. Morris Bank players for the Brst prize. A victory and a defeat was added to the Sub-Treasury team, which places Uncle Sma's employees on even terms with the Importers' and Traders' National Bank and Chase National Bank for fourth place. The scores:

FIRST GAME.
Sub-Treasury of the United States-Biair, 129;
Jordan, 171; Hymes, 145; Jenkins, 160; Yates,
Cilizens, 1827. the show ring.

The reserve ribbon was awarded to Blaze-away. The latter, in double harness with Golden Rod, won first prize in the class for high-stepping pairs shown before appropriate park traps. SECOND GAME.

National Park Bank Terwilliger, 144; Major, 03; Braisted, 148; Fairres, 114; Miller, 127, Total, First National Bank—Fellows, 152; Garrison, 201; Blackledge, 154; Gardner, 182; Bishop, 105. TRIRD GAME.

Sub-Treasury of the United States—Blatr., 144, Jordan, 147; Hymes, 143; Jenkins, 146; Yates, 124, Total, 702 Funk of Republic—Murphy, 155; Brown, 153; Bartzek, 124; Harriman, 154; McKay, 182. Total, 768. The West Harlem team won two games in the Har-lem League at Thum & Kahlsdorf's Harlem alleys last night, while the Jokers, who were short one man, sub-tained a combie defeat. The scores

SECOND GAME. West Harlem-Walsh, 166; Stearn, 179; Kuehn, 185; tolb, 167; Moses, 166; Total, 79; Joser Everding, 164; Gerch, 132; Lockwood 180;

THIRD GAME. Weat Hariem - Walsh, 165; Stearn, 128; Kuchn, 134; Kolb, 179; Moses, 171 - Total, 777; Cyclone - Johansheyer, 141 - Dannenfelser, 138; Martin, 131 - Setzer, 116; Osterlag, 161 - Total, 684.

Harlem League-Trojan, Wyanoke, and Wash-

Fordham Club-Sicepers, Cliques, and Suburbans.

It is the desire of the Union Club of Rutherford, N. J., to start a bowling league on the main line of the Frie Maironal, to be knewn as the Krie Bowling League. Chibs with club houses are requested to communicate with C. E. Ledge of the Union Club of Rutherford in reference to same. committee.—1. As the first centest was started fif-teen minutes ahead of the scheduled hour, an ex-rra fifteen minutes intermission should have been allowed before the second game was exun. The team losing the game has good cause for the pro-test, and the game ought to be played signin. 2. It counts as a regular game for the player. A novel tournament will be held at Thum & Kahlsdorf's Hariem alleys during the summer months. Fifteen two-nen leaves composed of brothers will strive for the championship. Among those who may enter are the Shiman brothers, Cohen brothers, Zenn brothers, Severs brothers, Klucken brothers, Frecks brothers, Gerdes brothers, Fights brothers, Imm brothers, Bottjer brothers, and Arnold brothers.

Constp of the Ring.

Charley Barnett wants to fight Hugh McWinter, the colored boxer, who made such a fine showing against "Kith" McVariand the other night.

Jack Alkens is anxious to try conclusions with Jim McVey. Alkens any that he is not rever to having me mill decided before any of the local clubs at 140 Brawn.
Seveny, five-yard Hurdle, First Form—O. C. Plokhard,
E. Beimecke, F. Stlefel, T. Fetner, H. Adler, G. Beinecke, H. Crow, W. Beinecke,
Gne-hundred and twenty yard Hurdle, Second Form
—J. W. Sesidenberg, F. Pohlon, C. Bichards, M. Simmons, C. Crow, W. Arnold, H. Langman, and O. Lang1004.

the mill decided before any of the total cutoes a tab pounds.

Joe Bernstein, the east side boxer, who has been very successful of late, wants to put on the gloves with Charley Burns. Bernstein says he can command a wanter on the outside.

It is not very likely that Sammy Kelly will go to San Francisco just now. Bexing is on the wanter, and, besides there is not a likely non who could give Kelly a sim argument. Hilly belancy, Curbert's former talmer, sont a letter to kelly recently urging kelly to go West.

Jack Collier of Rockawas Beach Informs The Sur that Sam Ionakins, doe Harmon, or Jimmy Jiandier need not remain idle for he is offer it very anxious to fight, and will bux any of the above then at 148 pounds. Collier has some good whences to his credit, and is a very clever expensed to the many art. S. Thompson.
Two hundred and twenty yard. Run. Handleap. E. S. Chuch, C. Brown, C. Griffen, L. Cartiner, A. Maurara, H. St. Charl, R. L. Crow, W. M. Grace.
Two hundred and twenty yard flurides, Handleap., Smith, A. M. Well, W. W. Grace, and C. Brown,
Pub. Vanit, Handleap. S. Smith, W. H. Grace, C. Grown, and P. Grace. commission early in the season. At Morgan's yard the trim black cutter Mari, ulta of the Providence Yacht (lub cause of the ways to-day newly painted

Indent that became want Ludy that he will Insist upon the latter making a water on the outside. An earling last expect of the Religious monthly beating entertainment of the Religious of A. C. at the "lab house in Ludy west, I. L. on Westmassing excelling, Paddy Marphy of New York fought a draw with Jimas; terart of Breachyn in the remains all catch weights. Billy (North Religious A. C. whipped Jims Parket of Reschien in the remains all lay of Newsirk, N. J. was harden by link gregory of Brooklyn, and Wike Phersh of New York and Jimmy Gaynor of Paterson, N. J., Jought a draw.

Tachting Notes.

New Recutting, April in -larry Huntington, the beat builder, has said his their food sharper would be William Traphagen and Phelip Howes of this whilege. The book, which is now unchored to he had all the hand of and regained, and relumined by May 30.

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